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For: A Process for Decellularizing Soft-Tissue
Engineered Medical Implants, and
Decellularized Soft-Tissue Medical
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This is in response to the Notice of Omitted Items In A Nonprovisional Application dated December 4, 2003. A copy of the Notice is enclosed.

Applicants elect option III and accept the July 23, 2003, filing date and original application papers.

An amendment to the specification to delete reference to Figure 15 begins on page 2.